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Sirs:

Please allow the proposed settlement reached by the Justice Department and Microsoft to be the final act of this farcical suit. The Attorneys General of these states that wish to continue the harassment of Microsoft for their small groups of constituents should not be afforded any more time or monies. Stop these proceedings NOW!

Microsoft has brought a tolerable environment to personal computing, one that did not exist until there was a market force as large as Microsoft to enforce de facto standards. Without these standards, personal computing would be only a small fraction of the pervasiveness it enjoys today.

Get off Microsoft's back, and let the consumers reap the benefits of stable, standardized computing environments. Perhaps then the technical sectors of our economy will return to their previous stature.

Thank you for considering this opinion.

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